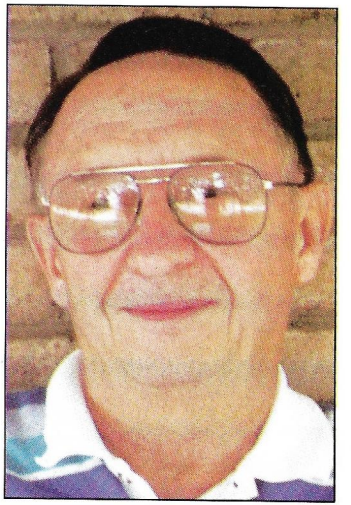
Wendell Greer earns MMR 298

Wendell started out his railroad experience in real life on a 1:1 prototype. At 19, he hired out as a block/interlocking operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad on the Fort Wayne Division. That experience was cut short when he enlisted in the Navy for the Korean War. After the Navy, college and getting married, the modeling experience started in 1959. During the ensuing years, the layout moved from Wisconsin to New York to Kentucky. During the stay in New York, the model railroad was given the name of "Dew Valley," which has stuck ever since. Wendell primarily models in HO, although he maintains a latent interest in O scale.

After 40 years, Wendell has modeled in almost all aspects of the hobby. His background of electrical engineering has provided many avenues of exploration; however, his interest in mechanical and scenery was not left behind. Many of his scratch-built structures, cars and locomotives were built in the early '60s and '70s, and still were able to qualify for merit awards. He has many more items he wants to complete including DCC control with sound. Wendell's other hobbies include restoring a vintage Corvette. He lives with his wife Dottie and has a son and daughter. His son, David is active in N scale and has won several merit awards. Grandson Jonathan has a G-scale layout on the basement floor and is hoping for a new N-scale layout for Christmas.



After so many years in the hobby of model railroading, the past eight months have seen Wendell earn Achievement Certificates for Master Builder—Motive Power, Master Builder—Cars, Mater Builder—Structures, Master Builder—Scenery, Model Railroad Engineer—Civil, Model Railroad Engineer—Electrical and Model Railroad Author.